

Minutes – MAAC Meeting

City Hall, 5th Floor Boardroom 12:00p.m.
September 5th, 2019

Members Attending

Barbra Smith
Suzanne Nielsen
Robert Nielsen
Sharyn Emond
Councillor Scott Robertson
Linda Thomas-Ouellette
Brian Bibeault – Chair
Barb Bryant
Luc Lirette

Absent

Penny Leclair

Also Attending:

Staff: Joel Therrien, Acting MAAC Secretary-Treasurer, CNB

Call to Order

- The Chair called the Meeting to Order at approximately 12:05 p.m.

1) Minutes of Previous Meeting August 4, 2019

The Chair asked the committee to adopt the minutes at the next meeting as the meeting minutes were missing a section or were incomplete.

2) List of priorities

The committee discussed a new order for the committee's list of priorities. The committee decided to rank the new list of priorities as the following;

1. Snow Removal
2. Para-Bus
3. Website Updates
4. Access to Beach
5. Picnic Tables

The chair expressed that it would be beneficial to ask David Schroeder to join the next meeting in order to further discuss the Snow Removal Strategy/Pilot Program, give an update on the "Wheels to the Water" beach mat and give an

update on the locations of the picnic tables. The committee members expressed that this was asked of the City for the last few years.

3) Update on snow removal changes from Joel

Acting Secretary-Treasurer, Joel Therrien updated the committee on the various items on the summary of the Snow Removal Strategy/Pilot Program. The items addressed were;

1. Snow Clearing Process
2. Snow Storage
3. Snow Removal
4. Staff Resources
5. Evaluation of Pilot Program

The committee agreed that having that having David Schroeder in addition to Beverly Hillier at the next meeting would be beneficial in order to further discuss the various items related to the Snow Removal/Pilot Program.

4) Update on meeting with John Severino and Drew Poeta – Para-Bus

Chair updated the committee on the Para-Bus meeting that took place at 10:30am on Thursday September 5th 2019. The chair informed the committee on the following items;

- Drew Poeta, Luc Lirette and John Severino will conduct research on how other communities accessible transit services work.
- An individual assessment approach is likely a better option for determining who can and who cannot utilize the Para-Bus service in NB.
- Sudbury launched a new system that allows individuals with any disability (mental or physical) to utilize its 'Gova Plus' service.
- Drew and Luc will provide information to the committee concerning who ultimately decides who can and cannot utilise the Para-Bus service.
- Drew and Luc will provide the committee with information regarding the criteria necessary to obtain an attendant for those who need individual help when using the Para-Bus service.

Luc Lirette updated the committee on the new 'On-Demand' service that is set to begin early January 2020. The items Luc addressed were the following;

- The operating boundary of the Para-Bus service will be split into three areas.
 - The main route will continue to run while each area will have one bus running on an 'on-demand' service.

- Regular bus stops will be used and monitored by the City.
- Trips will be able to be booked by phone, through an app or in person when boarding the bus.
- New routes and system will be advertised prior to the change.

Luc also addressed other transit related issues from an accessibility perspective. Items addressed were;

- People are encouraged to ask in order for the driver to kneel the bus or use the ramp. Some transit riders can become insulted if the driver assumes that either of these methods are needed.
- The Chair of the committee mentioned that he would be interested in helping transit drivers in their training process for accessibility. Luc expressed that he would contact the Chair when needed.

Resolution #19-11

Moved by: Linda Thomas- Ouellette
Seconded by: Barbra Smith

“That this Meeting does now Adjourn at 1:00 p.m.”

“Carried.”

Chairperson